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[REDACTED]

2. The harbor was very exposed to the elements. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] a southwesterly breeze blew up [REDACTED]. Even the
pullies on the wharf were blown down. A northwesterly breeze ~~had been~~ forecast. Under
such circumstances, loading cannot take place at the wharf. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

3. There were several diesel-powered cranes which ran on tracks at the South Ballast Quay. There were several railroad tracks on the wharf. All the tracks were built flush with the wharf's surface. The harbor appeared to be equipped in a modern fashion. There were, for example, many electric trucks.

4. The cotton wool was brought to the wharf in railroad cars. At times, the bales were loaded directly from the cars. The work ran behind schedule because of difficulties in obtaining harbor workers. Most of the time there was just one group working on board ship, but occasionally there were two groups. The majority of the workers were women; even the crane drivers were female.

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5. [REDACTED] two floating cranes in the harbor. [REDACTED] estimated [REDACTED] lifting power
[REDACTED] between five and ten tons each. Both the cranes were towed. One of the
cranes loaded with gun platforms in the sling [REDACTED]
The platforms were the same type as those used aboard commercial ships.

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6. There was little commercial traffic in the harbor. At the South Ballast Quay a Soviet ship of 3,000 to 4,000 tons lay unloading iron girders. A smaller German ship lay at anchor out in the harbor because there were no harbor workers to work the ship. Otherwise, there was a good deal of traffic of small Soviet trawlers in and out of the harbor.

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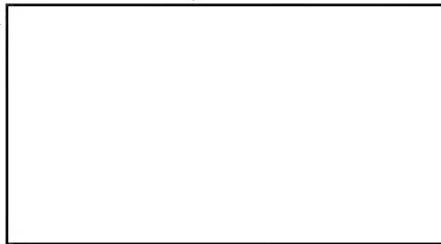
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7. [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] the exit to the harbor [REDACTED] a train of about 30 cars. A small gun was mounted on each car. The gun barrels were about three meters long. [REDACTED] the guns were permanently mounted on the railroad cars. Several guns of the same type were located on a nearby slope. However, these guns were not equipped with carriages. 25X1
8. Some small naval vessels were observed in the Winter Harbor. The largest were mine-sweepers. No submarines could be seen. 25X1



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